(ख) और (ग) 1983-84 से 1986-87 तक वर्षों में विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार की स्थिति (सोने और विशेष आहरण अधिकारों को छोड़कर) इस प्रकार थी :—

तारीख	(करोड़ रुपये)
31-3-1984	5497.85
31-3-1985	6816.78
31-3-1986	7384.35
31-3-1987	7645.17

Reduction of basic duty of PTA and DMT

*246. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to to state :

(a) whether any notification has been issued dated 7th May, 1987 to reduce basic duty of PTA and DMT by Rs. 3|- per Kg.;

(b) whether Government have considered that there are wide protests from the small-scale weaving factories which produce synthetic cloth for exports as the polyester|synthetic yarn manufacturers have increased the prices of their products in excess of those recommended by the Bureau of Costs; and

(c) the companies which are going to be benefited by this reduction and to what extent and whether there is any stipulation that these producers must supply their product to the small-scale sector at the price recommended by the Bureau of Costs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir. The import duty on DMT and PTA which are both raw materials for manufacture of polyester fibre|yarn was reduced by Rs. 3 per Kg. w.e.f. 7-5-87 so as to make these raw materials available more or less at par with indigenous DMT.

(b) and (c) Representations have been received by the Government from the polyester fibre|yarn user industry alleging increase in prices of these products. The Government have directed the BICP to conduct a study on the cost of production of synthetic yarn and fibres including polyester fibre|yarn and to determine the fair selling prices of these products. The BICP report in this regard is awaited.

Selection of Sponsored Serials|Films

*247. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently received complaints about malpractices in the selection of sponsored serials and feature films on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to check such malpractices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) Selection of TV serials and feature films on Doordarshan has evoked appreciative as well as occasionally critical reactions from viewers. However, no specific complaint substantiating any allegation has been brought to the notice of the Government.